

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 21, 2003

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 949**

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**Introduced by Senators Speier and Escutia**

February 21, 2003

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An act to add Article 2.3 (commencing with Section 9033) to Chapter 1.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 949, as amended, Speier. Legislative procedure: floor votes.

The California Constitution and the house rules and joint rules of the Legislature prescribe certain procedures applicable to the consideration and enactment of bills.

This bill would require a house of the Legislature to conduct a floor vote on a bill ~~if a committee of either house to which a bill has been assigned reports that bill to the floor of the house with a recommendation that the bill be passed by the house, or that the bill be passed with amendments, and the bill is not referred to another committee of the house that has been passed by one house of the Legislature no later than 5 legislative days after placing the bill on the 3rd reading file. This requirement would also apply to constitutional amendments and specified resolutions.~~

*This bill would also provide that, during the 2nd calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session, the return to the house of origin of bills for which concurrence in amendments is required may not occur later than August 30.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Article 2.3 (commencing with Section 9033) is added to Chapter 1.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

Article 2.3. Legislative Procedure

~~9033. If a committee of either house of the Legislature to which a bill has been assigned reports that bill to the floor of the house with a recommendation that the bill be passed by the house, or that the bill be passed with amendments, and the bill is not rereferred to another committee of the house, the house shall conduct a floor vote on the action recommended by the applicable committee.~~

9033. As to a bill that has been passed by one house of the Legislature, the second house shall conduct a floor vote no later than five legislative days after placing the bill on the third reading file, unless the bill is placed on the inactive file.

9033.5. For purposes of this article the term “bill” includes any constitutional amendment, any resolution ratifying a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution, and any resolution calling for a constitutional convention.

9034. In the second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session, the return to the house of origin of bills for which concurrence in amendments is required shall occur no later than August 30.